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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR VS VN XA GH

SUBJ: ASSESSMENT OF DRV DIPLOMATIC CAMPAIGN IN AFRICA

REF: STATE 171607

1. SIMPLY STATED, SITUATION IN GHANA ON RECOGNITION PRG  
IS: (A) PERMANENT OFFICIALS DEALING WITH QUESTION IN  
FONMINISTRY DO NOT BELIEVE GHANA SHOULD BE INVOLVE SELF IN  
PRG/GVN ISSUE. THEY WOULD JUST AS SOON NOT EVEN RECEIVE  
VISITS FROM SALESMEN EITHER SIDE. WHEN VOTES ARISE AT  
INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED BY GHANA, THEY BELIEVE  
GHANA SHOULD ABSTAIN. AS FAR AS THESE OFFICIALS KNOW,  
THIS IS GHANA'S OFFICIAL POLICY. THEY WILL CONTINUE  
ADVISE ACCORDINGLY COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
UNTIL THEY RECEIVE EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS THAT GHANA'S  
POLICY HAS CHANGED. (B) HOWEVER, AS WAS NOTED WHEN  
GHANA RECOGNIZED SIHANOUK'S GRUNK, FONAFFAIRS COMMISSIONER  
BAAH DOES NOT LIKE TO BE REPROACHED BY OTHER AFRICAN  
DELEGATES TO THIRD WORLD MEETINGS HE ATTENDS FOR GHANA'S  
"UNPROGRESSIVE" ATTITUDE ON SUCH QUESTIONS. IF HE FEELS  
THE HEAT FROM FELLOW OAU MEMBERS AT NEXT MEETING HE  
ATTENDS, HE IS QUITE CAPABLE OF RETURNING TO ACCRA AND  
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UNILATERALLY RECOGNIZING PRG WITHOUT REFERENCE HIS OWN

MINISTRY STAFF AND EVEN LITTLE IF ANY CONSULTATION OTHER  
MEMBERS RULING NATIONAL REDEMPTION COUNCIL (NRC).

2. LOOKING AT LIST AFRICANSTATES RECOGNIZING PRG (PARA 6  
REFTEL), OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT LIKELIHOOD BAAH TAKING  
SUCH STEP SOMEWHAT DIMINISHED BY ABSENCE THIS LIST MORE  
"RESPECTABLE" AFRICAN STATES. SHOULD NIGERIA, KENYA OR  
ZAIRE JOIN LIST, POSSIBILITY GHANA FOLLOWING CROWD  
ACCORDINGLY ENHANCED.

3. THERE ARE INFLUENTIAL CIVIL SERVANTS IN FONMINISTRY  
AND NRC SECRETARIAT WHO ARE AWARE GHANA'S RELATIONS WITH  
U.S. NOT ALL THEY MIGHT BE. THEY ALSO KNOW U.S. UNLIKELY  
DO MUCH TO IMPROVE THESE RELATIONS IN RETURN FOR SUPPORT  
ON PRG ISSUE, BUT THAT THERE IS AT LEAST NEGATIVE VALUE TO  
GHANA IN NOT WORSENING ODDS WITH US OVER ISSUE OF LITTLE  
REAL IMPORT TO GHANA. THERE WOULD BE LITTLE VALUE  
EMBASSY MAKING THIS POINT EXPLICITLY AT POLITICAL LEVEL  
HERE. IN FACT, DOING SO COULD RUN RISK PROVOKING VERY  
REACTION WE DO NOT WANT FROM INTENSELY NATIONALISTIC  
NRC. MOST USEFUL WAY GET POINT ACROSS, EMBASSY BELIVEES,  
WOULD BE TO MAKE OUR VIEW CLEAR TO GHANA MISSION TO  
UNITED NATIONS WITH EXPECTATION THAT MISSION'S REPORTING  
TO ACCRA WOULD STRENGTHEN HAND OF POLICY ADVISERS HERE  
SHOULD BAAH PROPOSE CHANGE OF POLICY TO NRC.

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